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E.O. 11652: ADS DECLASS 4/28/75

TAGS: OVIP MO

SUBJECT: STATE VISIT OF KING HASSAN

FROM AMBASSADOR

REF: RABAT 0922

1. LATEST THINKING OF KING IS TO CONFINE VISIT TO OFFICIAL WASHINGTON PORTION AND ABANDON IDEA OF FLORIDA VACATION. THIS HE DECIDED IN ORDER TO EMPHASIZE THE SIMPLICITY AND WORKING CHARACTER OF VISIT. I THINK THIS IS A GOOD IDEA (AND NOTE THAT IT WILL SAVE USG MONEY). I WISH TO EMPHASIZE HOWEVER THAT THIS IS THE KING'S OWN IDEA, AND ALSO THAT IT IS SUPPORTED BY MOROCCAN AMBASSADOR BOUTALEB (WHO IS PROVING VASTLY MORE SUBTLE AND EFFECTIVE THAN HIS PREDECESSOR).

2. HENCE PROPOSED SCHEDULE AS FOLLOWS:

APRIL 21:

KING ARRIVES WASHINGTON PRIVATELY AND GOES TO BLAIR HOUSE (DOES NOT WISH TO GO TO WILLIAMSBURG).

APRIL 22:

BEGINNING OF OFFICIAL VISIT:
WHITE HOUSE; LUNCH BY SECY KISSINGER; DINNER BY PRESIDENT.

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APRIL 23:

LUNCH WITH SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE HOSTED BY
SENATOR SPARKMAN (ACCORDING TO BOUTALEB).

MEETINGS WITH USG OFFICIALS, ESPECIALLY SECRETARIES
KISSINGER AND SCHLESINGER UNLESS SCHEDULED ON OTHER
DAYS.

DINNER BY AMBASSADOR BOUTALEB IN HONOR OF KING (KING
PERFECTLY UNDERSTANDS IMPOSSIBILITY OF PRESIDENT
ATTENDING BUT VERY MUCH HOPES VICE PRESIDENT
ROCKEFELLER AND SECSTATE KISSINGER CAN).

APRIL 24:

LUNCH AND ADDRESS AT PRESS CLUB.

IN THE EVENING, KING RECEIVES ARAB MEMBERS OF DIPLOMATIC
CORPS.

ALSO, KING WOULD LIKE TO TAPE A TELEVISION PROGRAM SUCH
AS MEET THE PRESS OR FACE THE NATION BUT WOULD PREFER TO
AVOID HUSTLE AND BUSTLE OF STUDIO.

NOTE: KING SUFFERS FROM ALLERGIES WHICH ARE AGGRAVATED
BY DUST AND COMMOTION.

APRIL 25:

KING DEPARTS U.S.

3. IT IS MY IMPRESSION THAT KING WISHES TO AVOID CERTAIN
PROBLEMS THAT AROSE DURING LAST VISIT AND FULLY UNDERSTANDS
CURRENT ATMOSPHERE OF RELATIVE AUSTERITY IN U.S. IN THIS
SPIRIT HE WILL KEEP HIS GIFTS SIMPLE (WHATEVER THAT MEANS)
AND ENTOURAGE REDUCED.

4. AS I EXPECT HAVE OPPORTUNITY TO SEE KING FAIRLY SOON
AFTER THRONE DAY (MARCH 3) I WOULD APPRECIATE BEING KEPT
UP TO DATE ON ALL DEVELOPMENTS AND THOUGHTS.
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